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DOT FOR COMMANDANT U.S. COAST GUARD

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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR OCS TRAINING FOR UAE COAST GUARD

1. ON JUNE 19 DCM MET AT THEIR REQUEST WITH LTC SAIF AL-SHUFAR DIRGEN COAST GUARDS AND WITH MAJ HUMAID ALI SAIF, DIRGEN FOR PLANNING AND TRAINING, UAE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR. PURPOSE WAS TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES FOR TRAINING OF UAE COAST GUARD OFFICERS AND CADETS AT CONUS FACILITIES.

2. DCM EXPLAINED THAT EMBASSY DID NOT HAVE AVAILABLE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON TRAINING AVAILABLE IN US COAST GUARD (USCG) SCHOOLS OTHER THAN AT USCG ACADEMY NEW LONDON, CT. INFORMATION CONTAINED 77 STATE 235582 ON ENTRY OF FOREIGN CADETS INTO USCG ACADEMY ALREADY MADE AVAILABLE TO UAE COAST GUARD LAST OCTOBER. DCM REVIEWED THIS, STRESSING THAT IT ESSENTIAL ANY UAE CANDIDATES FOR THIS PROGRAM BE FULLY COMPETITIVE PHYSICALLY, ACADEMICALLY, AND LINGUISTICALLY WITH AMERICAN YOUTH. AS ALTERNATIVE TO USCG ACADEMY FOR THESE UAE OFFICER CADETS FOR WHOM FOUR-YEAR, B.SC. UNCLASSIFIED

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PROGRAM IN MARINE SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING DESIRED, DCM SUGGESTED POSSIBLE APPLICATION TO ONE OF SEVERAL AMERICAN STATE MARITIME ACADEMIES. FINALLY, DCM NOTED THAT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE FOR ENTRY OF UAE COAST GUARD CADETS INTO USCG IN-SERVICE AND OCS TRAINING PROGRAMS. IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT WHILE US LAW DOES NOT PERMIT LAW ENFORCEMENT OR POLICE-TYPE TRAINING UNDER USG AUSPICES FOR FOREIGN PER-

SONNEL, TRAINING IN OTHER ASPECTS OF COAST GUARD WORK (E.G., NAVIGATION, BOAT HANDLING, MARITIME SAFETY, SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, SUPPLY, ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE, LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT) MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. DCM AGREED TO COMMUNICATE WITH APPROPRIATE USG AGENCIES AND LET LTC SAIF AND MAJ HUMAID KNOW THEIR RESPONSE.

3. COMMENT: WE ARE UNCERTAIN OF BOTH LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PARAMETERS WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBILITIES FOR CONUS TRAINING OF FOREIGN COAST GUARD PERSONNEL. UAE COAST GUARDS ARE PARAMILITARY UNIFORMED BRANCH OF UAE PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES UNDER OVERALL CONTROL OF MINISTRY OF INTERIOR. THEY WOULD THUS APPEAR TO BE EXCLUDED FROM ELIGIBILITY FOR SALE OF TRAINING SERVICES UNDER ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT AS INDICATED DOD MASM PT III, B.3 (A) (23) ALTHOUGH MASL FOR FMS TRAINING UNDER USN AUSPICES INDICATES OCS, OJT, AND GENERAL COAST GUARD TRAINING OFFERED. AT SAME TIME ELIGIBILITY OF FOREIGN TRAINEES TO ENTER USCG ACADEMY SUGGESTS THAT TRAINING OF FOREIGN COAST GUARD PERSONNEL NOT ENTIRELY PRECLUDED BY US LAW.

4. LTC SAIF INDICATED THAT HE PRESENTLY HAS FOUR SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADUATES UNDERGOING INTENSIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING IN UK AND EXPECTED TO FINISH THIS SUMMER. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEND SOME OR ALL OF THESE YOUNG MEN TO USCG OCS SCHOOL (MASL ITEM NO. P164001) FOLLOWING WHATEVER ADDITIONAL ELT NEEDED TO BRING THEM TO ECL 70 PREREQUISITE FOR THIS COURSE. WHILE UNCLASSIFIED

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APPRECIATIVE OF OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR ENTRY OF UAE CADETS INTO USCG ACADEMY, LTC SAIF IS APPREHENSIVE BOTH ABOUT LENGTH OF TRAINING TIME INVOLVED (FOUR YEARS) AND ABOUT ABILITY OF UAE CANDIDATES TO COMPETE EFFECTIVELY FOR ENTRY. WE AGREE WITH HIM THAT IT WOULD BE BEST FOR UAE AT THIS POINT TO SHOOT FOR OCS OR FOR SHORT-TERM SPECIALIZED USCG COURSES RATHER THAN ENTRY TO ACADEMY.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE GUIDANCE AS TO HOW EMBASSY SHOULD RESPOND TO THIS REQUEST FOR TRAINING FOR UAE COAST GUARDSMEN. YOUR RESPONSE SHOULD ALSO ADDRESS QUESTION WHETHER ELT IF REQUIRED COULD BE AVAILABLE THROUGH FMS CASE AT DLIELC LACKLAND AFB OR WHETHER UAE CANDIDATE TRAINEES WOULD BE REQUIRED SEEK ENTRY TO AMERICAN CIVILIAN INSTITUTION WITH ELT PROGRAM. DICKMAN

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